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SUBJECT: JAMAICA AND PRC SIGN ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL
COOPERATION PACT

1. AN AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
WAS SIGNED YESTERDAY BY PRIME MINISTER MANLEY AND THE
PRC AMBASSADOR, LI CHAO. THE AGREEMENT SETS OUT THE
GENERAL PRINCIPALS UNDER WHICH THE TWO NATIONS WILL ENTER
INTO SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN ORDER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF
JAMAICA AND THE CAPABILITIES OF CHINA. IT PROVIDES FOR
THREE BASIC TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: COMPLETE PROJECTS,
SINGLE ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.
SPECIFIC PROJECTS ARE TO BE DETERMINED THROUGH FURTHER
NEGOTIATIONS. ONCE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN AGREED, THE PRC
HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE THE GOJ WITH SPECIAL PROJECT
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TERMS AND REPAYMENT SCHEDULES WILL BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH

FURTHER NEGOTIATION. LOCAL EXPENSES FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS
WILL BE COVERED BY THE GOJ.

2. AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY, MANLEY SAID THAT THE AGREE-
MENT WOULD LEAD TO GREATER COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION
FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF BOTH COUNTRIES. HE DESCRIBED
THE AGREEMENT AS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF JAMAICA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WHICH WERE GUIDED
BY THE PRINCIPLE OF MUTUAL RESPECT.

3. CHAO SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD TO SEE THAT JAMAICA WAS
MAINTAINING ITS INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY. HE
SAID THAT BOTH COUNTRIES BELONGED TO THE THIRD WORLD WITH
COMMON EXPERIENCES. HE SAID THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT
THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD STRENGTHEN THE ALREADY GOOD
RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM.

4. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE TEXT OF THE
AGREEMENT, IT PROBABLY FOLLOWS THE PATTERN OF THOSE
WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. ASIDE FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
RELATIONS, THIS IS THE THIRD MAJOR EVENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF JAMAICAN-PRC RELATIONS SINCE THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT
CAME TO POWER. THE FIRST WAS THE JAMAICAN TRADE MISSION
TO THE FAR EAST WHICH CONCLUDED WITH THE ONE-TIME (WE
BELIEVE) IMPORT OF A NUMBER OF CONSUMABLES FROM CHINA.
THE SECOND WAS THE DRAMATIC FLOOD RELIEF GESTURE LAST
OCTOBER (KINGSTON 3709). THE FOURTH IS SOON TO COME, AS
THE WUHAN DAREDEVILS ACROBATIC TROUPE WILL PERFORM
IN JAMAICA FROM MARCH 2-9.

5. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAN BE EXPECTED TO AROUSE FURTHER
THE FEARS OF THOSE PORTIONS OF JAMAICA'S MIDDLE CLASS
WHICH ARE SO SENSITIVE TO MANLEY'S FLIRTATIONS WITH
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. HEWITT

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